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### ***Kernan Announces State Loan for North Knox Schools Energy Efficiency Project***

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that Bicknell's North Knox School Corp. has received a \$100,000 zero-interest loan from the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program (PFEET).

The North Knox School Corp. plans to replace outdated lighting in the North Knox High School and gymnasium with high-efficiency lights. The lighting retrofit includes replacing mercury vapor fixtures with halide lamps, T-12 fluorescent fixtures with T-8 lamps and incandescent exit signs with light emitting diode (LED) signs. The proposed lighting retrofit could reduce the school system's energy consumption for lighting the high school and gym by 32 percent, with overall electricity consumption being reduced by seven percent.

"We encourage the use of energy-efficient systems in public facilities because it reduces energy consumption and the cost of providing services to Indiana citizens," said Kernan, who serves as director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. "This project will serve as a good example for other facilities considering options to reduce energy consumption and operating costs."

The Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program provides zero-interest loans to Indiana schools, libraries and political subdivisions proposing to purchase new, more efficient equipment. Up to \$100,000 is available per applicant for implementing energy-efficient improvements in existing facilities and designing energy-efficiency measures into new facilities. Loans are awarded on a quarterly basis.

The loan, approved by the Indiana Recycling and Energy Development Board, will be administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce's Energy Policy Division. For more information on the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program, contact Gavin Williams at 317.232.8979 or visit the Web site at [www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com).

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